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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. SUMMARY: ALL JORDANIAN DAILIES OF AUGUST 4 FRONTPAGE THE BEGINNING OF VANCE TALKS IN DAMASCUS AND US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO LEBANON. END SUMMARY.

2. AL AKHBAR COMMENTED THAT THE VANCE-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE IN ALEXANDRIA WAS "A DRAMATIC SURPRISE.... VANCE WITHHELD HIS IDEAS AND PROPOSALS AND GAVE SADAT THE CHANCE T PROPOSE A MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP." THE PAPER ADDED "WE WISHED THAT WE HAD THE CHANCE TO HEAR VANCE'S IDEAS WHICH WERE TERMED NEW, ESPECIALLY AT THE PRESENT TIME WHEN AMERICAN-ISRAELI ATTITUDES ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT"

3. AR-RAI CARRIED A COLUMN BY ABDUL RAHIM OMAR STATING THAT A "NEW DILEMMA IS CREATED BY THE PROPOSAL OF A MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL EXCLUDE THE PLO....IN ANY TALKS" HE ADDED, "THE
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PRESENCE OF THE PALESTINIANS IS ESSENTIAL... WHETHER IN GENEVA OR ANY OTHER PLACE ALL TALKS ARE USELESS IF ISRAEL DOES NOT ANNOUNCE ITS COMMITMENT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLTUIKNS AND IF THE US DOES NOT ANNOUNCE ITS COMMITMENT TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO DO SO."

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4. AS'SHA'B XEDITORIALIZED UNDER THE TITLE "CARTER AND HUMAN RIGHTS". THE PAPER SAID, "WE PUT IN FRONT OF PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO GAVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE PRIORITY, THE REPORT OF AMERICAN LAWYERS WHO VISITED THE OCCUPIED TERRITORES. THEY ANNOUNCED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTED BY THE ISRAELI ATHORITIES". THE PAPER ADDED, "THE REACTION OF THE PRESIDENT TO THESE REPORTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT HIS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY IS GENUINE AND NOT ONLY PROPOAGATED TO EMBARRASS CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS."
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